

## **ODOR CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD**

Foundation for the Junior Blind

5300 Angeles Vista Blvd

July 14, 2003

### **MEETING #12 MINUTES**

Attendees: See attached attendance list

Meeting Minutes Recorded by: Brent Lorscheider, City of Los Angeles,  
Bureau of Sanitation, Wastewater Engineering  
Services Division

Handouts:

1. Meeting agenda
2. Minutes of June 09, 2003 meeting
3. Air Treatment Facilities Map
4. Managing Sewer Odors
5. Major Sewers Schematic Diagram
6. REVIEW OF COMMENTS FROM THE SEWER ODOR CONTROL PROGRAM INTERIM REPORT from Sam Hart

**Introductory Issues:**

Ted Lumpkin chaired the meeting. The meeting agenda was approved after Sam Hart added Items 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7 from the prior meetings action item list. The June 9, 2003 meeting minutes were approved.

**Review of Fan Test Results:**

Gus Malkoun from the Bureau of Engineering made a presentation to summarize the results of the fan test. Gus reviewed the 3 test locations and the 12 pressure monitoring sites. Significant pressure reduction and/or vacuums were experienced at 10 for the 12 sites, with the exception of Imperial Highway (NORS) and Somerset (south branch of NOS).

Discussion occurred about the new temporary carbon scrubber at Jefferson/Rodeo. Some Board members said that since the temporary odor facility was installed at Jefferson/Rodeo, they have not detected any odors in the vicinity as they had in the past. The use of this site as the permanent site was also discussed and Gus indicated that the City needs additional time to complete the feasibility review to make sure the site is adequate and no major interferences with substructures exist. Gus will present his finds at the next Board meeting.

Another tour has been arranged on Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Meet at Village Green at 5300 Rodeo in the parking lot.

**Review of Interim Report:**

Sam Hart distributed his comments on the report titled “**REVIEW OF COMMENTS FROM THE SEWER ODOR CONTROL PROGRAM INTERIM REPORT**”. The need for an odor master plan was discussed and Brent indicated his section has been authorized to hire an engineer to develop and be the lead person for implementing a master plan.

**Air Treatment Facilities Locations**

Brent distributed copies of “Managing Sewer Odors” which identifies 6 hotspots and identifies the air scrubber locations. It also listed the various efforts and projects being undertaken to control odors.

**Action Items from Prior Meeting**

Status Reports were requested for Items 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7 from the prior meeting and Brent reported that they were referred to the Wastewater Collection System Division and that he had no status as of yet. The Board stated that these items have been delayed, that they need action, and requested action by next meeting. Brent agreed to provide responses by the next meeting.

**Open Discussion**

Felipe Velazquez commented on storm drains in his area that are full and needed to be emptied. Brent agreed to see him after the meeting to follow-up on his concerns.

**Questions, Answers and Action Items:**

	<b>Questions/Issues</b>	<b>Comments/Responses</b>	<b>Action Items</b>
1.	Fan Testing	The results of fan testing are still in draft form.	<b>Completed</b> -A presentation of the fan testing results was provided to the Board on 6/17/03. The results indicate the locations are adequate but some of the fans need to be increased in size, which the City has agreed to do.
2.	Siphon Maintenance	Milton expressed concern that the siphons at Rodeo and Jefferson and another near the 405 Freeway are the cause of odors in the area and that they may not be operating properly due to poor maintenance. He asked for information concerning the siphons’ maintenance history and how the City services inverted siphons.	The City will explain how siphons are serviced, their maintenance history and their planned maintenance schedule. <b>(Hold over)</b>

3.	Report of a 30' section of unlined sewer at La Cienega and Rodeo	Lin Min Kong and Beverly Johnson inquired about the status of the much-discussed 30' section of a sewer, near La Cienega and Rodeo, that was not slip lined. They asked that the City investigate this 30' section.	The City will CCTV the said missing 30' section of NOS that was not slip lined, determine its condition, present findings to the Board and repair as part of the MAZE 4 project. <b>Hold over</b>
4.	City crew activities and roach infestation in sewer line at 5783 Bovesfield	Beverly Johnson reported seeing a City crew at 5783 Bovesfield approximately six weeks ago. She was not sure why the crew was there or what they were doing. She observed roaches when the crew opened one of the maintenance holes.	The City will spray maintenance holes at 5783 Bovesfield near La Cienega for roaches. The City also will determine what City wastewater collection crews were doing at that location about six weeks ago. <b>Hold over</b>
5.	ECIS construction	Beverly Johnson reported possible damage to her residence and construction noise around 2:00 a.m.	The City will provide the hours of operations and construction schedule for the ECIS project. <b>(completed-regular schedule has resumed)</b>  The City will send an ECIS structural team to investigate possible ECIS-related construction damage at 5783 Bovesfield. <b>Hold over</b>
6.	Analysis of NOS flow levels in South Los Angeles after ECIS is operational	Milton presented an analysis showing no significant reduction in NOS flow levels after ECIS is operational and after six additional relief sewers planned for the area are placed in service over the next ten years.	The City will provide an analysis of flow in the NOS after ECIS is operational and after the six planned interceptor sewers in the area become operational. The City will ask Mr. Bowker to consider this analysis in his final report. <b>Distributed but not discussed due to time</b>  The City will provide information on the flow impact that will result

			when the Buckingham pumping plant is taken offline.
7.	Health impacts of Hydrogen Sulfide (H2S) gas	Beverly Johnson inquired about the health impact of sewage odors.	The City will conduct ambient readings of H2S in the area to determine levels being detected and will explain the health impacts of such levels to the community. The testing will occur along Rodeo Road, from Buckingham to La Cienega. <b>Holdover</b>
8.	Other issues	<p>Board members discussed and inquired about the maintenance status of trap maintenance holes, notification of Neighborhood Councils of the ATFs and the status of the odor coordinator position they requested.</p> <p>Two additional NCs were identified for the ATF briefings: United Neighborhoods and the Vernon/Main Neighborhood Council.</p>	<p>The City will provide information on how maintenance holes that need to be trapped are identified and how frequently the trapped maintenance holes are maintained.</p> <p>The City will determine whether the neighborhood councils near the ATFs have been notified as requested in the previous meeting minutes. <b>Completed-Four NC's in the project areas have been contacted and mtgs are being scheduled.</b></p> <p>The City will provide information on whether the odor coordinator position was approved, what her/his duties will be and if he/she would have the authority to implement the odor master plan. <b>Completed-Engineer opening is being advertised</b></p>

**Next Meeting:** August 11, 2003.